



Mary Nehl

November 2, 1918 - October 13, 2010

Mary Ann (Lanigan) Nehl passed away on October 13, 2010, in Maplewood Minnesota. She was a very loving mother, grandmother, and friend of many. Mary Ann was born on November 2, 1918 to James and Laura (Sweeney) Lanigan in Leaf Valley Township, Minnesota. She graduated from Alexandria High School and received her Bachelor's Degree of Science from St. Cloud University. On July 23, 1949, she was united in marriage to Mark J. Nehl at Seven Dolours Church in Millerville, Minnesota. Mary Ann was a teacher for many years and taught at St. Ann's Catholic School in Wadena until she retired. She enjoyed traveling, playing bridge, quilting, reading, and spending time with her grandchildren. Mary Ann was a member of St. Ann's Church, the Christian Mother's, a former board member of the St. Ann's School, member of Daughter's of Isabella, leader for Brownies and Girl Scouts, and a G. E. D. instructor at Wadena. Mrs. Nehl is survived by her daughters; Patricia (Greg) Pratt of Minneapolis, Minnesota, Mary Beth (Larry) Schiller of Willmar, Minnesota, Laura (William) Trueman of St. Paul, Minnesota, sons; Philip (Shelley) Nil of Circle Pines, Minnesota, James (Cheri) Nehl of Eden Prairie, Minnesota, grandchildren: Katie Pratt, Nora, Adam, and Aaron Nehl, Natalie and Jared Trueman and Michelle and Matthew Nehl. She was preceded in death by her parents, husband Mark, brothers Philip and Robert and sister Laura. A Mass of Christian Burial was celebrated at 10:30 a.m. on Saturday, October 16, 2010 at St. Ann's Catholic Church in Wadena, with Fr. Donald Wagner as celebrant. Interment was at the Calvary Cemetery in Wadena.

Honorary pallbearers were Vida Browne, Gloria Merickel, Mary Jane Schiller, Irene Neitzke, Marlyn Freer, and Janet Lamison. Active pallbearers were Kenney Lanigan, Larry Schiller, Aaron Nehl, Bill Trueman, Katie Pratt and Greg Pratt.

Tribute Wall

LH

“ As one of her students 40 plus years ago, Mrs. Nehl instilled in me my great love of reading; her gentle spirit and loving encouragement will always be remembered. I am most thankful for her daughter Laura and the friendship that Mrs. Nehl encouraged so many years ago. To Laura and her siblings and families, I am so sorry for your loss; your mom was a very special and inspirational person...

Lecia Heinen-Edquist - October 13, 2010 at 12:00 AM

SK

“ Laura & family--my deepest sympathy to you and your family during this difficult time. Your mom was one of the sweetest women I ever met, a true gentle soul. She was so kind and loving, she will be missed by all who were lucky enough to know her. Your family is in our prayers, and in our hearts.

Sharon (Krier) Kalina - October 13, 2010 at 12:00 AM

JH

“ My deepest sympathy to the family in the loss of your mother/grandmother. She was a very pleasant lady that always had a smile when she visited our dental office. I knew her through Larry and Mary Beth. She will be missed dearly.

jane hieb - October 13, 2010 at 12:00 AM

PF

“ Dear Nehl Kids,

Sorry to hear about the passing of your mother. She was a great neighbor. As a child, whenever I went next door, I remember how gracious she was...there always seemed to be food involved!

My thoughts are with you as you celebrate her life and the numerous individuals she touched. What a lady!

Paul Freer - October 13, 2010 at 12:00 AM

JF

“ *I have fond memories of growing up next to the Nehl kids. Mr. and Mrs. Nehl were always friendly and kind; and they were great neighbors. It seems ironic that my dad and Mary passed within days of each other. My thoughts and prayers are with you all; your mom was such a gracious woman.*

Janet Freer - October 13, 2010 at 12:00 AM

TL

“ *Laura*
Sorry to hear about the passing of your Mother

Tom Lehr - October 13, 2010 at 12:00 AM